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The story so far...

With no alternative, Hana is left with no choice but to accept Renshu's offer to free her sister from incarceration, in exchange for her services in infiltrating Zhou Kang's corporate infrastructure. However, upon training with his assistant, Chun, the pair soon realized their bosses' plan will never allow for their freedom. And Hana began to hatch a plot of her own...

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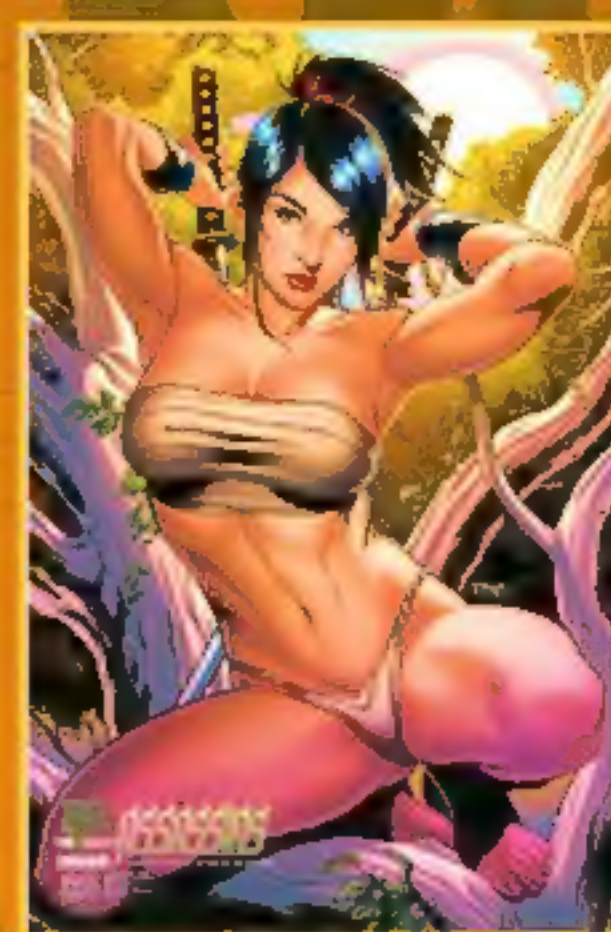
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QINGHAI, CHINA.

THREE YEARS AGO.

THIS IS THE END...



...THAT WAS MY FIRST THOUGHT, WHEN I SAW MAYU PAYING FOR HER PAST. I KNEW WHAT THEY WANTED-- MONEY. IT'S WHAT THEY ALWAYS WANTED.

YET, THE LIFE WE LED-- IT GAVE US STRENGTH AS WELL. AND NEAR FOOLISH RESOLVE...

HEY!

I THOUGHT THIS WAS FINALLY IT. SHE WENT TOO FAR. AND PART OF ME ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WOULD END LIKE THIS. WHY DIE WITH HONOR WHEN OUR LIVES HAVE SEEN EVERYTHING BUT?



C'MON. I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER HOW TO RUN.

...IT'S THAT SAME FOOLISH RESOLVE...





QINGHAI,
CHINA. NOW.

...THAT HAS
FOUND ME IN THIS
SITUATION.

THE END RESULT OF OUR HARD
WORK TRYING TO INFILTRATE
ZHOU KANG'S BUSINESS. ME IN
A F%#KING BUSINESS SUIT.

DAFFODIL,
IS IT?



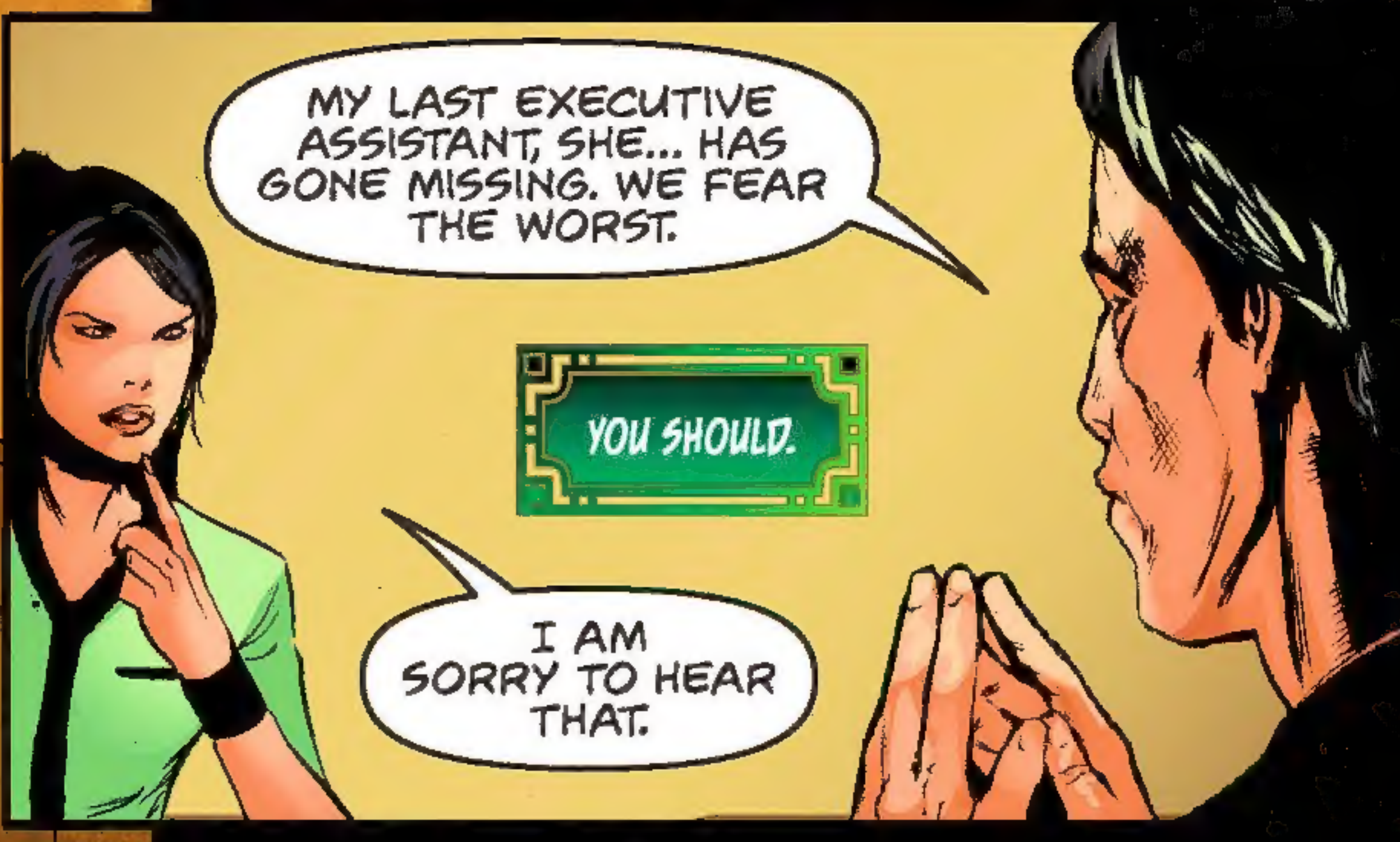
SHE'S CLEAN.

AND SO IS YOUR RESUME.
ALMOST TOO PERFECT. AND
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE TIGHT
SECURITY, BUT MY LIFE HAS
BEEN THREATENED
RECENTLY.

I MUST TAKE
ADEQUATE
PRECAUTION.

I AM SORRY
TO HEAR THAT,
MR. KANG.

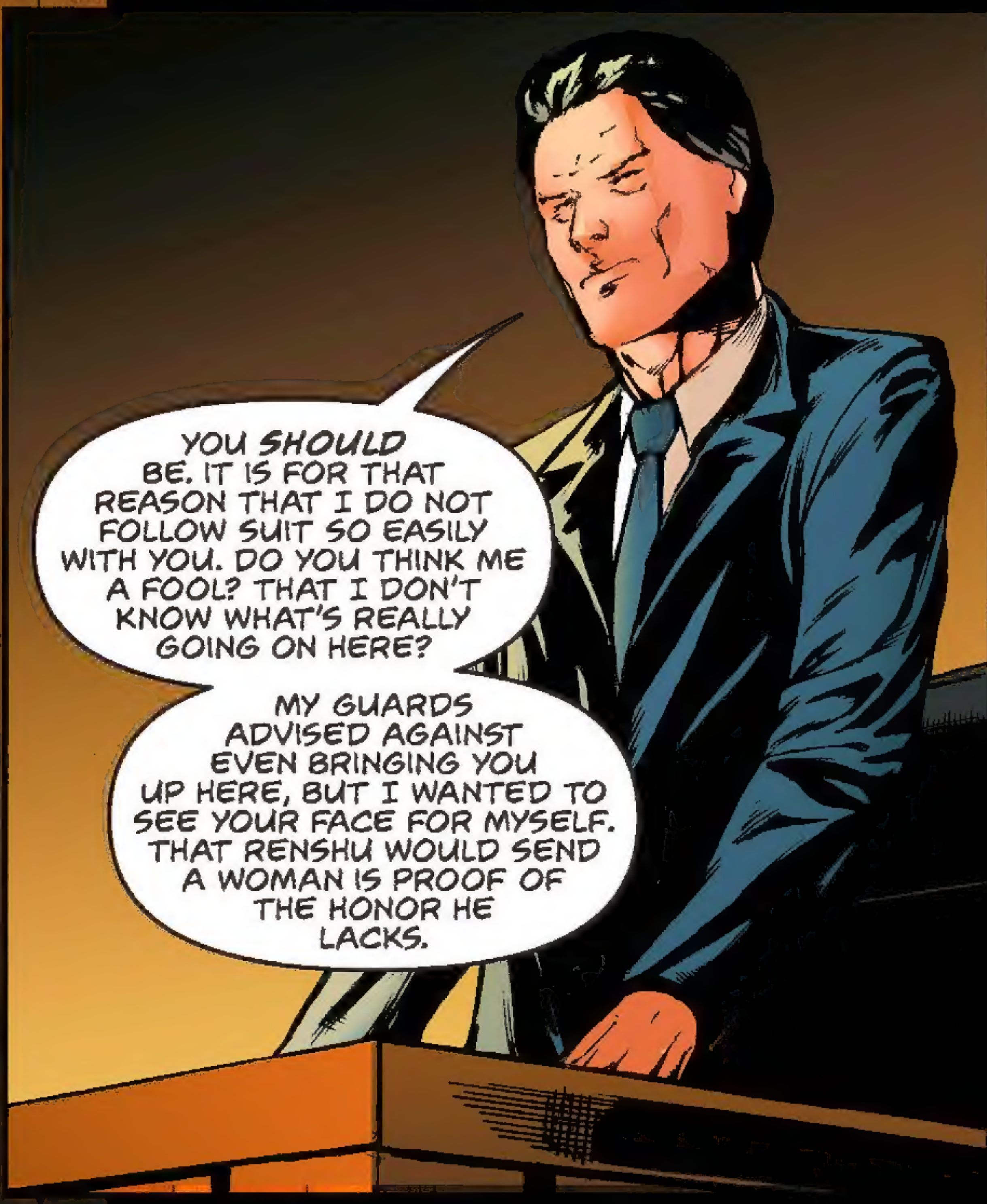
YOU
MAY CALL ME
ZHOU.



MY LAST EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT, SHE... HAS
GONE MISSING. WE FEAR
THE WORST.

YOU SHOULD.

I AM
SORRY TO HEAR
THAT.



YOU SHOULD
BE. IT IS FOR THAT
REASON THAT I DO NOT
FOLLOW SUIT SO EASILY
WITH YOU. DO YOU THINK ME
A FOOL? THAT I DON'T
KNOW WHAT'S REALLY
GOING ON HERE?

MY GUARDS
ADVISED AGAINST
EVEN BRINGING YOU
UP HERE, BUT I WANTED TO
SEE YOUR FACE FOR MYSELF.
THAT RENSU WOULD SEND
A WOMAN IS PROOF OF
THE HONOR HE
LACKS.



I...
UH--

GRAB
HER!

THIS WORKED
LIKE A CHARM.

...WAS
COUNTING
ON IT.



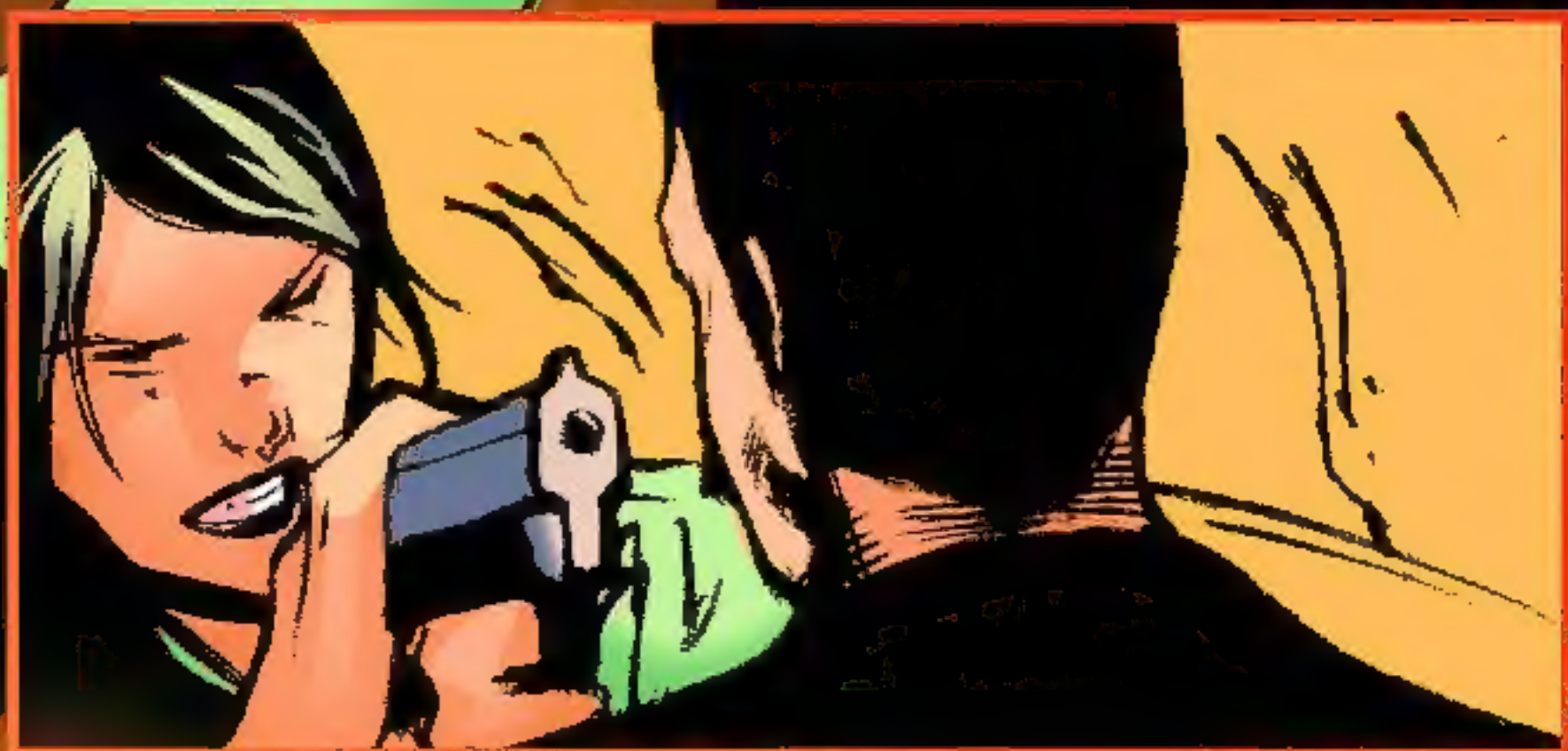


→HNNNNH!←



AHHHH!

BANG



NO--
WAIT!



BANG

SORRY--
YOU DIDN'T
DESERVE TO
DIE FOR
HIM.



WHAT HAVE
YOU--

BANG

--GAH!

THIS WASN'T PART OF THE OBJECTIVE. RENSHU WANTED ME TO WORK FOR ZHOU AND FEED HIM INTEL. CHUN SPENT WEEKS TRYING TO ACCUSTOM ME TO A LIFE AS A HIGH-END SECRETARY. THAT WAS TO BE THE PLAN.

I CHOSE A DIFFERENT ONE.

IT WAS YOU THAT KILLED LI? AM I RIGHT? ANSWER ME!

DON'T SHOOT!

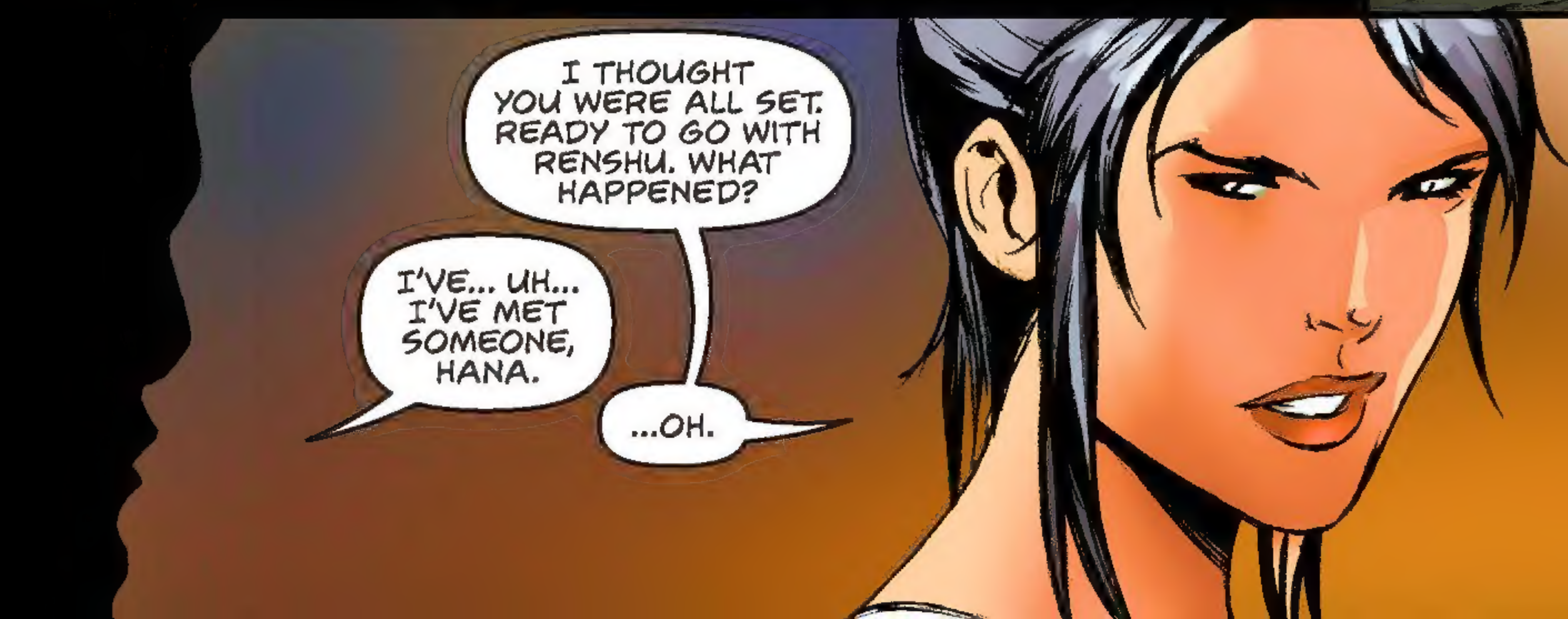
EITHER YOU TELL ME THE TRUTH... OR SO HELP ME, I WILL UNLOAD THIS CHAMBER INTO YOUR BRAIN!

TELL ME!!!

YES!

I ORDERED HIS MURDER! I HIRED THE ASSASSIN-- BUT IT WAS NOT MY DECISION! YOU MUST LISTEN TO ME!

I'M LISTENING. SPEAK. NOW!



HE DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING MORE. I WAS SHATTERED. HE WOULD LATER RETURN... BUT HE WAS NEVER THE SAME. I NEVER ASKED HIM ABOUT HER. MAYBE BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW THE ANSWER.

NOW.

KANG TURNED OUT TO BE A COWARD, BUT I GOT WHAT I NEEDED IN THE END. NOW, I KNOW WHO'S TRULY RESPONSIBLE.

--THE MYSTERIOUS MURDER OF L.S.K. HOLDINGS C.E.O. AND FIGUREHEAD, ZHOU KANG, FOLLOWING THE RECENT DEATH OF QSS OWNER AND C.E.O LI SUN HAS CALLED INTO QUESTION THE RECENT MERGER OF--

--BOTH CORPORATIONS, AND THEIR FUTURE STAKE IN THE MARKET. MORE DETAILS OF THE GRISLY MURDER SCENE AFTER THE BREAK.

I THOUGHT OUR LEVERAGE WAS SUFFICIENT. HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

ALL THIS TIME, I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE OLDER SISTER. IT WAS HER THAT WAS PLAYING US ALL ALONG.

US? MORE LIKE YOU. YOU HAD ONE SIMPLE TASK-- KEEP THE WOMEN IN LINE. WE HOLD THEIR FUTURES--

--WE STILL DO. I'LL HANDLE IT. I STILL HAVE HER SISTER HERE-- AND THE REST OF THEM.

NO.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS MYSELF. YOU JUST MAKE SURE THAT YOU ALL STAY PUT UNTIL I ARRIVE.



RENSHU IS NO FOOL. AS
SOON AS HE FOUND OUT
WHAT HAPPENED, HIS ONLY
OPTION WAS OBVIOUS.

I JUST HOPE MAYU
GOT THE GIRLS OUT
IN TIME.



MAYU.



HNNH!



MAYU!



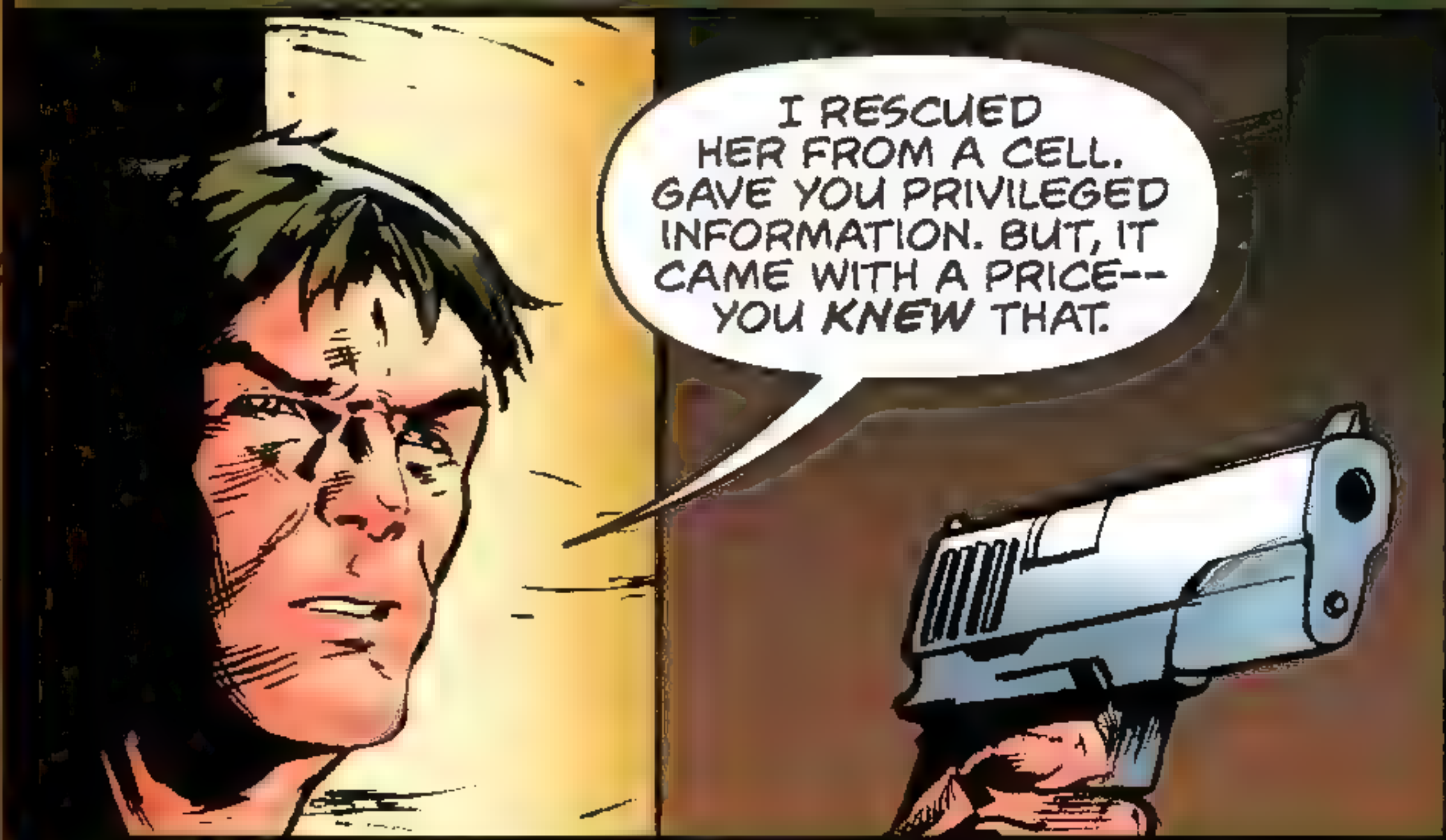
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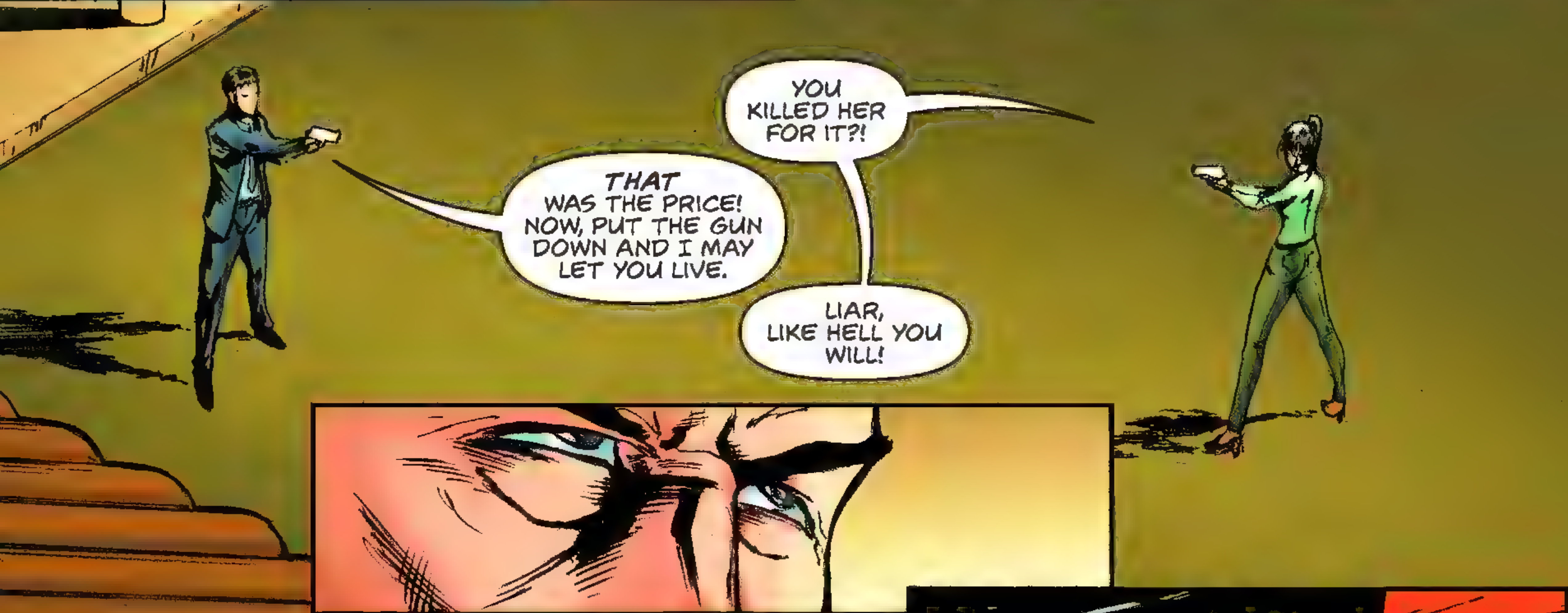


RENSHUI!

...YOU
THOUGHT YOU
BOTH WOULD
GET AWAY?



I RESCUED
HER FROM A CELL.
GAVE YOU PRIVILEGED
INFORMATION. BUT, IT
CAME WITH A PRICE--
YOU KNEW THAT.



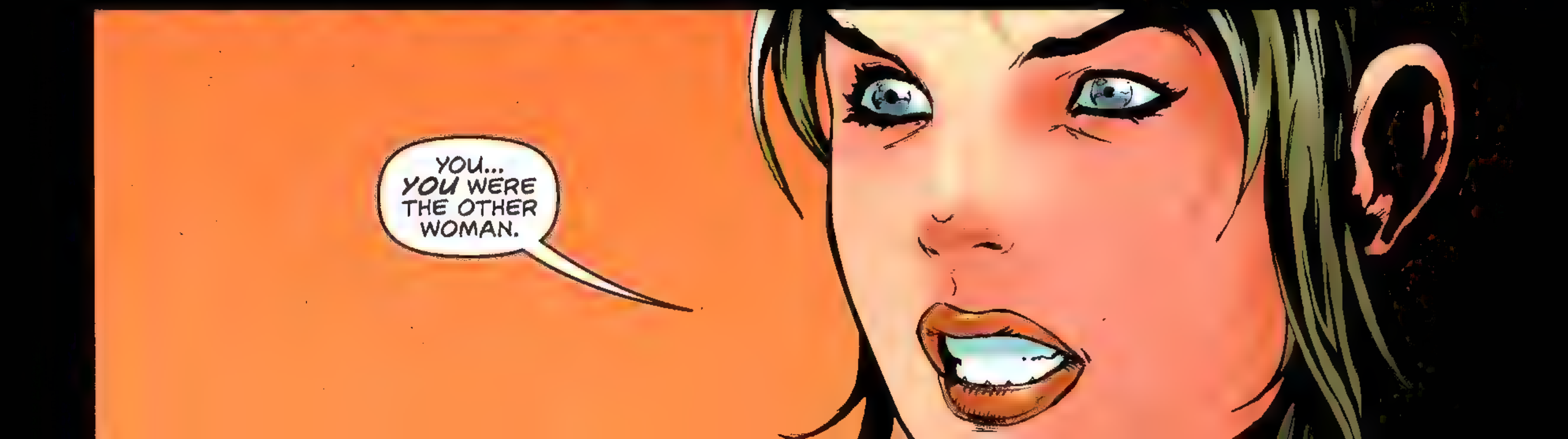
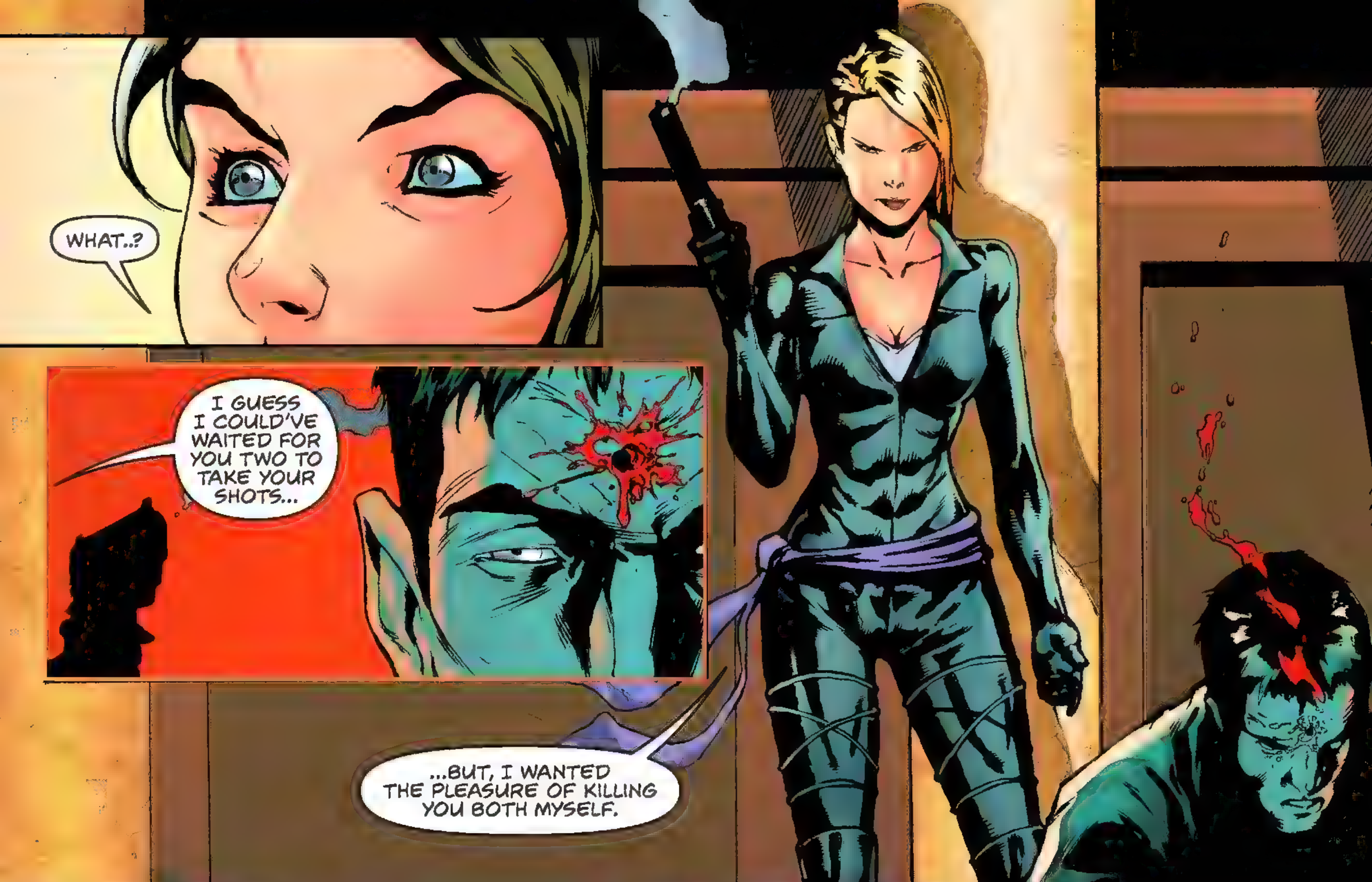
YOU
KILLED HER
FOR IT?!

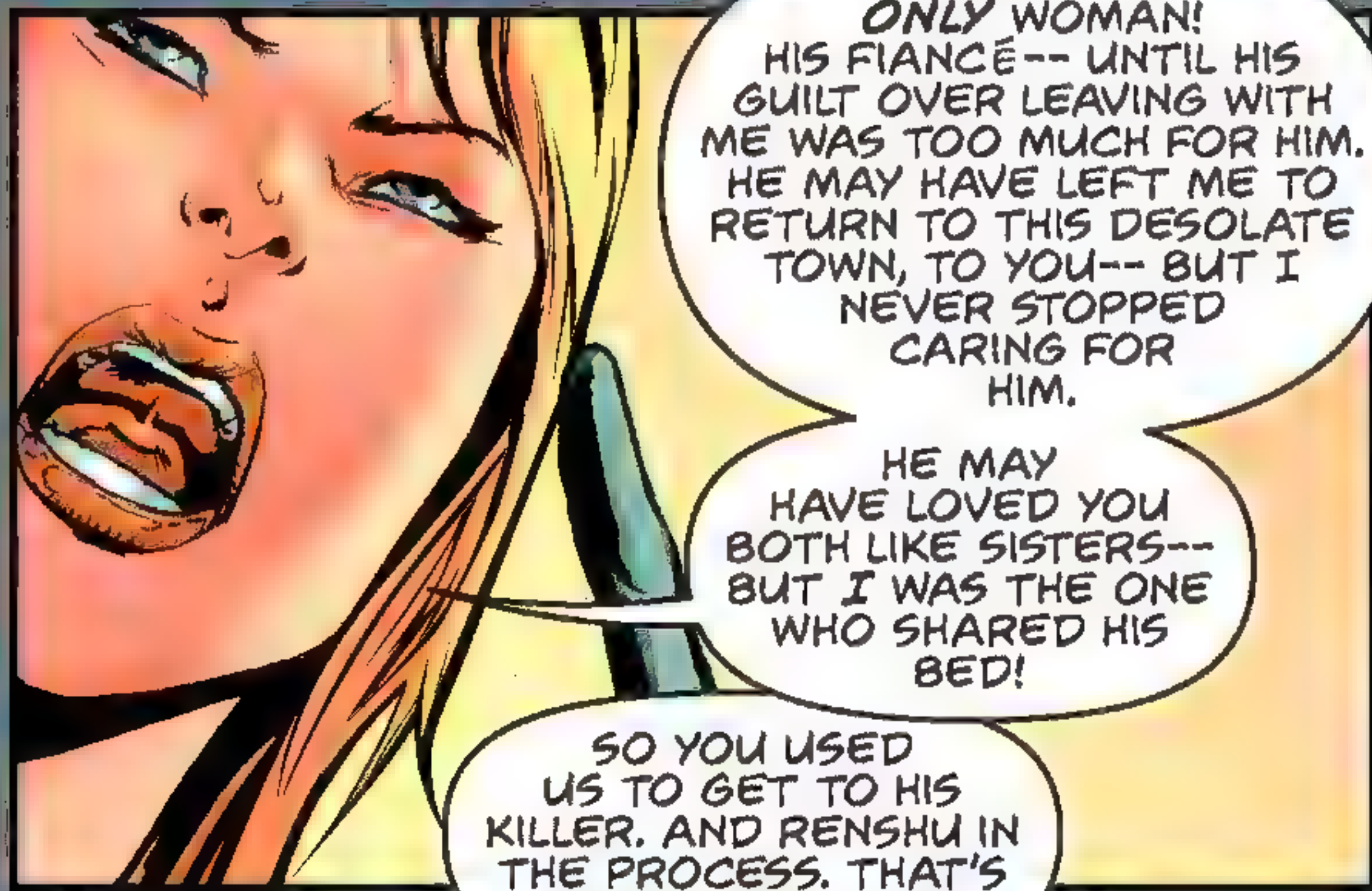
THAT
WAS THE PRICE!
NOW, PUT THE GUN
DOWN AND I MAY
LET YOU LIVE.

LIAR,
LIKE HELL YOU
WILL!



BANG





I WAS THE ONLY WOMAN! HIS FIANCE-- UNTIL HIS GUILT OVER LEAVING WITH ME WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM. HE MAY HAVE LEFT ME TO RETURN TO THIS DESOLATE TOWN, TO YOU-- BUT I NEVER STOPPED CARING FOR HIM.

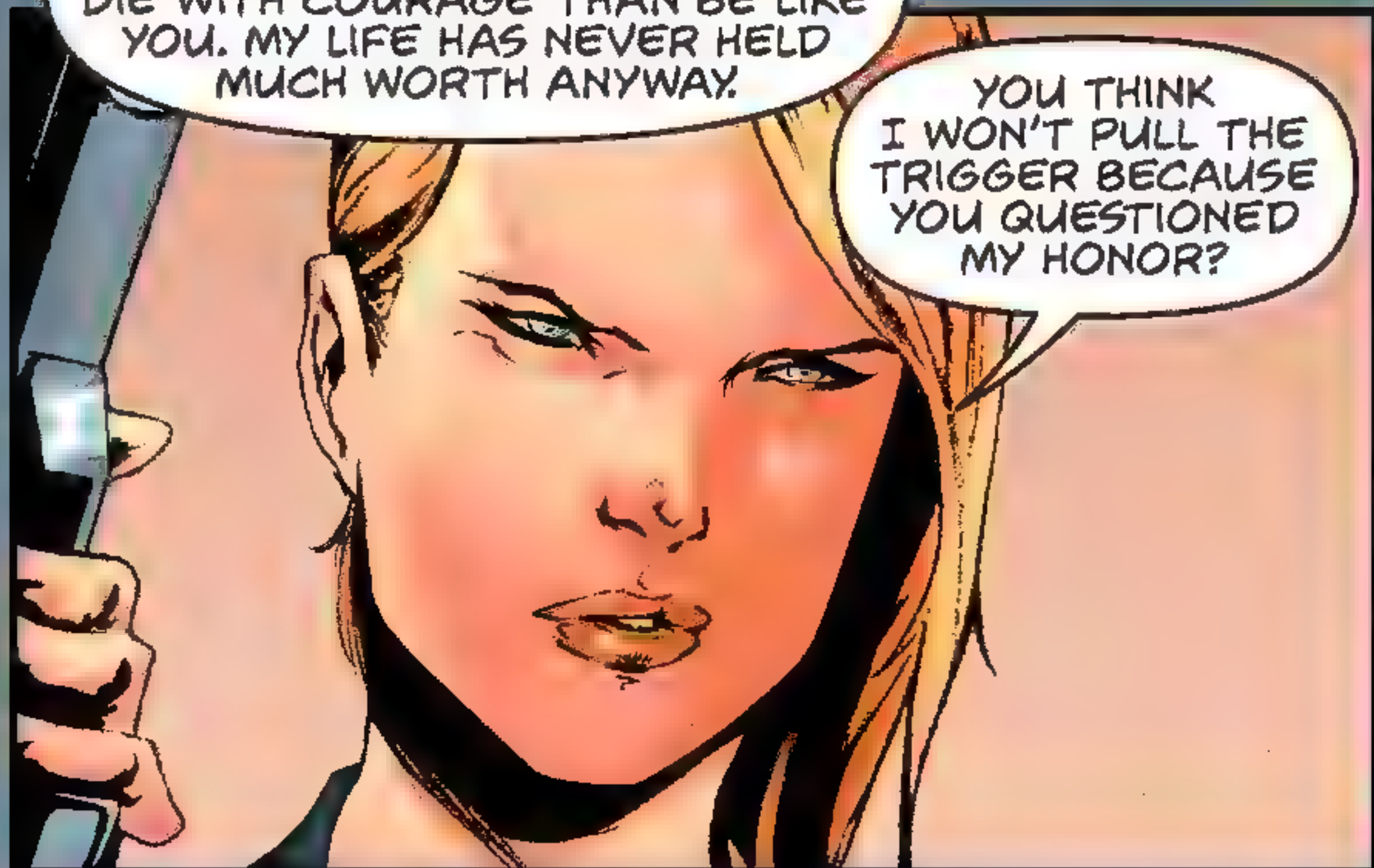
HE MAY HAVE LOVED YOU BOTH LIKE SISTERS-- BUT I WAS THE ONE WHO SHARED HIS BED!

SO YOU USED US TO GET TO HIS KILLER. AND RENSHU IN THE PROCESS. THAT'S VERY AMBITIOUS.



I AM AN AMBITIOUS WOMAN-- IT'S WHAT LI LOVED ABOUT ME. YOU FANCY YOURSELF A PERSON WHO HAS COME FROM NOTHING. BUT, TRY HAVING IT ALL AND LOSING EVERYTHING! YOU KNOW NOTHING OF SACRIFICE.

AT LEAST I HAVE HONOR. YOU WANT TO KILL ME. GO AHEAD. I'D RATHER DIE WITH COURAGE THAN BE LIKE YOU. MY LIFE HAS NEVER HELD MUCH WORTH ANYWAY.



YOU THINK I WON'T PULL THE TRIGGER BECAUSE YOU QUESTIONED MY HONOR?

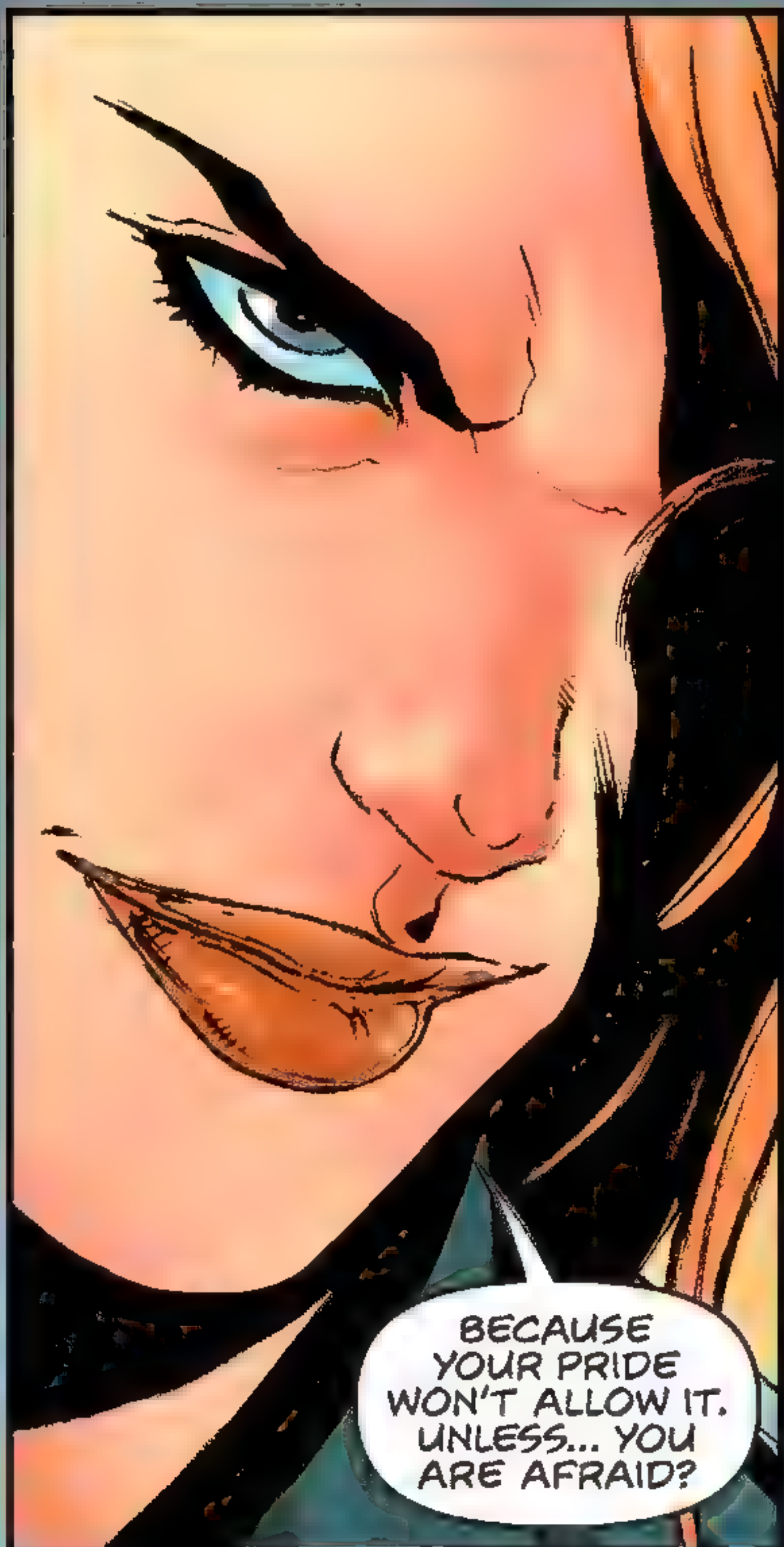


COME, SHOW ME HOW MUCH HONOR YOU HAVE. DROP THE WEAPON. I WON'T NEED MINE TO TAKE YOU OUT.



WASN'T EXPECTING THAT

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WON'T SHOOT? YOU GAVE ME THE TACTICAL ADVANTAGE.

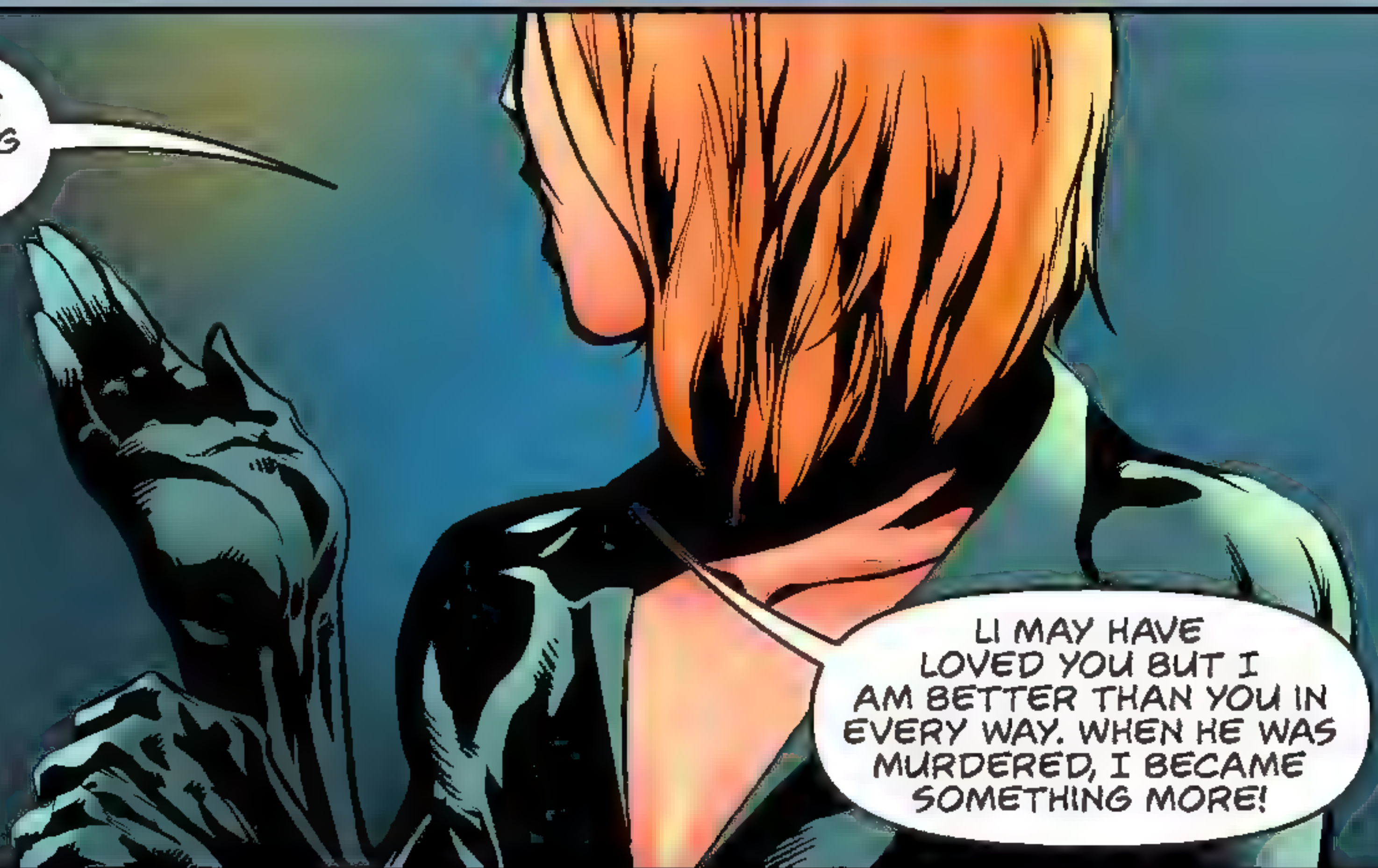


BECAUSE YOUR PRIDE WON'T ALLOW IT. UNLESS... YOU ARE AFRAID?

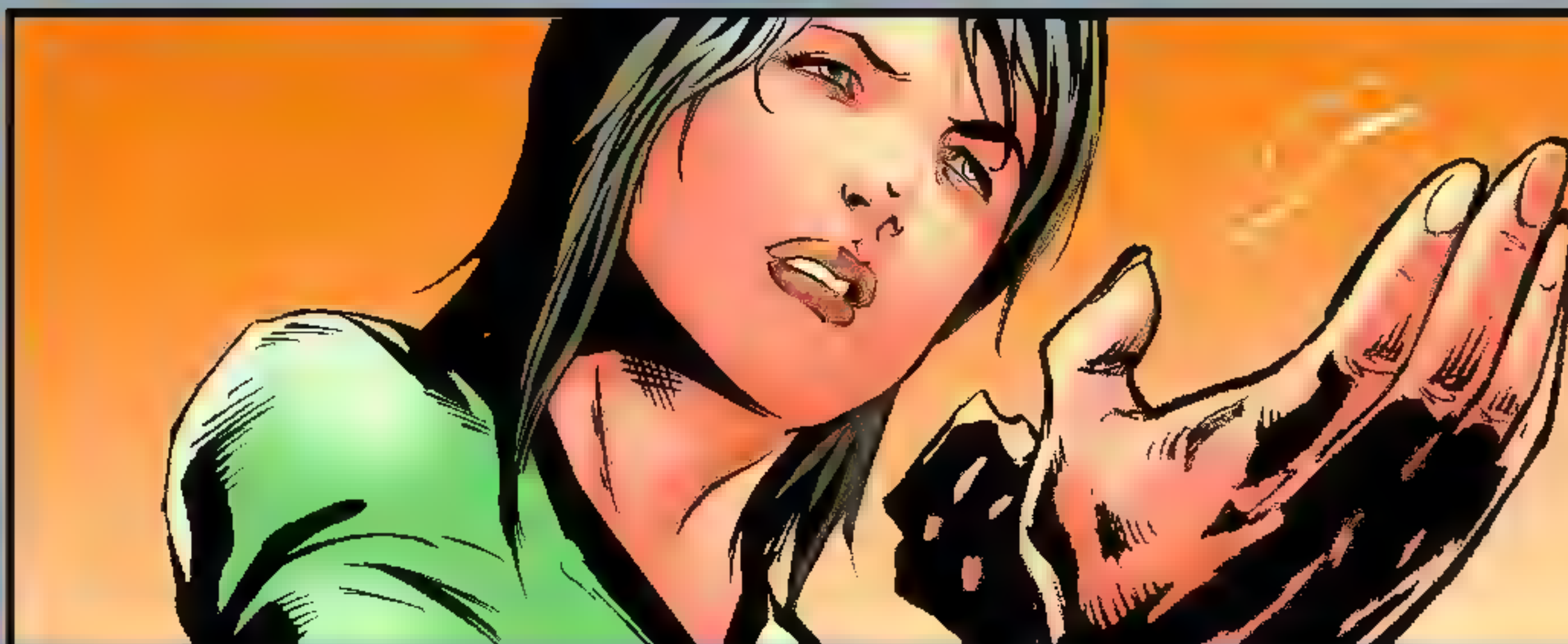




YOU'RE JUST A
BRAWLER! YOU HAVE
NO SKILL. EVERYTHING
YOU DO IS FUELED
BY RAGE.



LI MAY HAVE
LOVED YOU BUT I
AM BETTER THAN YOU IN
EVERY WAY. WHEN HE WAS
MURDERED, I BECAME
SOMETHING MORE!



YOU'RE
WRONG.

I MAY BE
NOTHING, BUT
I DO HAVE
ONE SKILL--

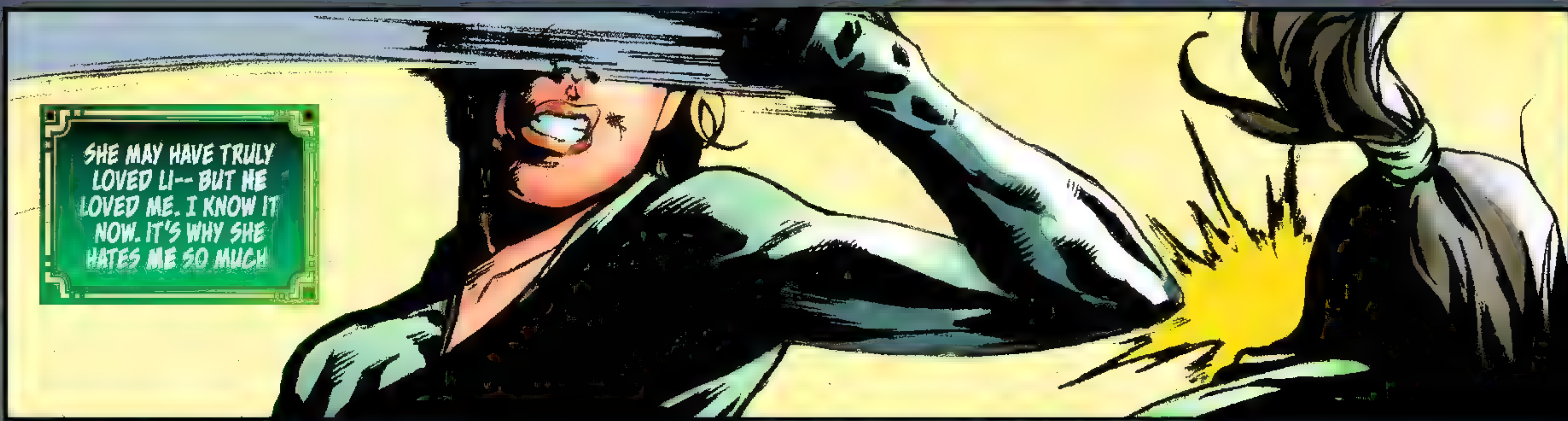
--I KNOW
HOW TO
SURVIVE!



SURVIVE--
OR DIE TRYING.



SHE MAY HAVE TRULY
LOVED LI-- BUT HE
LOVED ME. I KNOW IT
NOW. IT'S WHY SHE
HATES ME SO MUCH



IT'S A PAINFUL
REVELATION,
HOWEVER



MAYBE THIS
WAS ALWAYS HOW I WAS
MEANT TO GO OUT



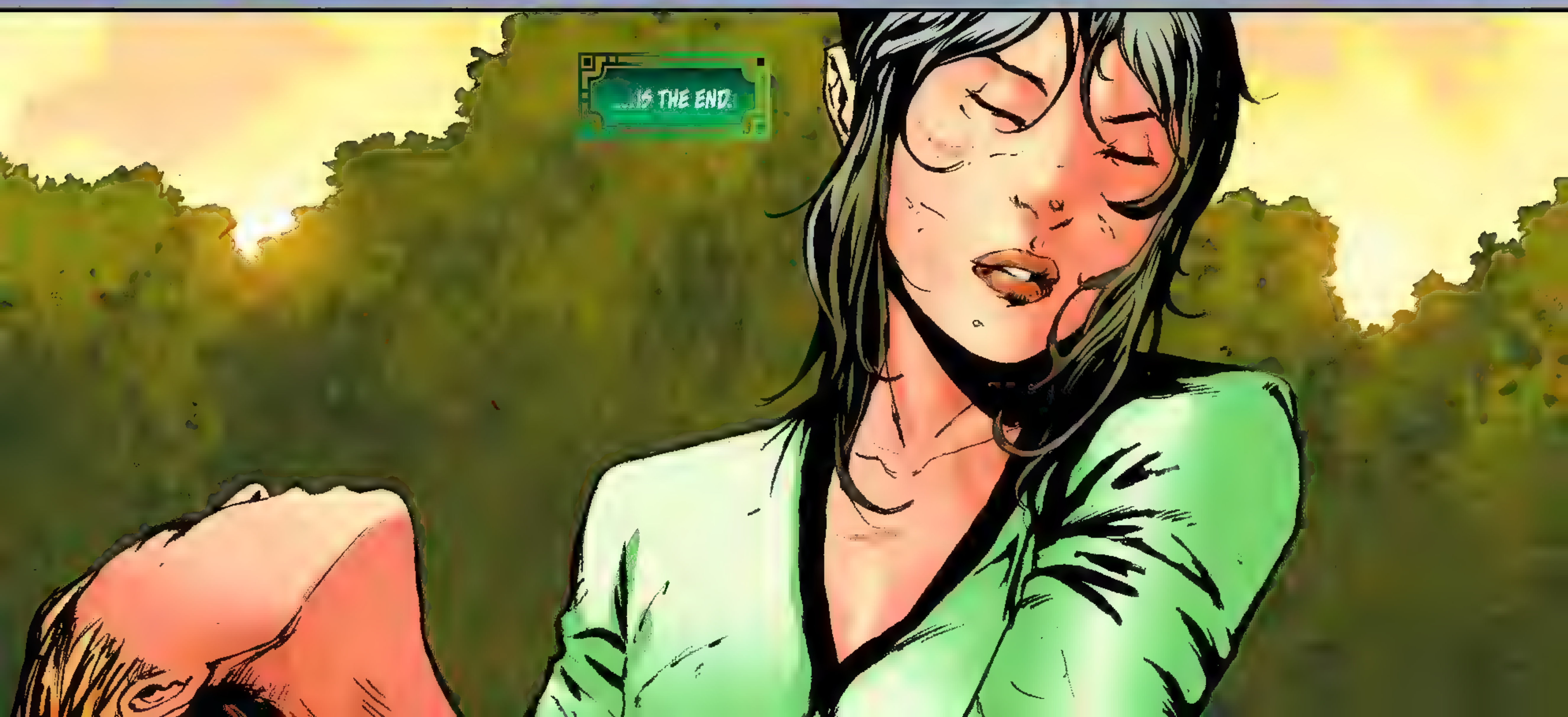
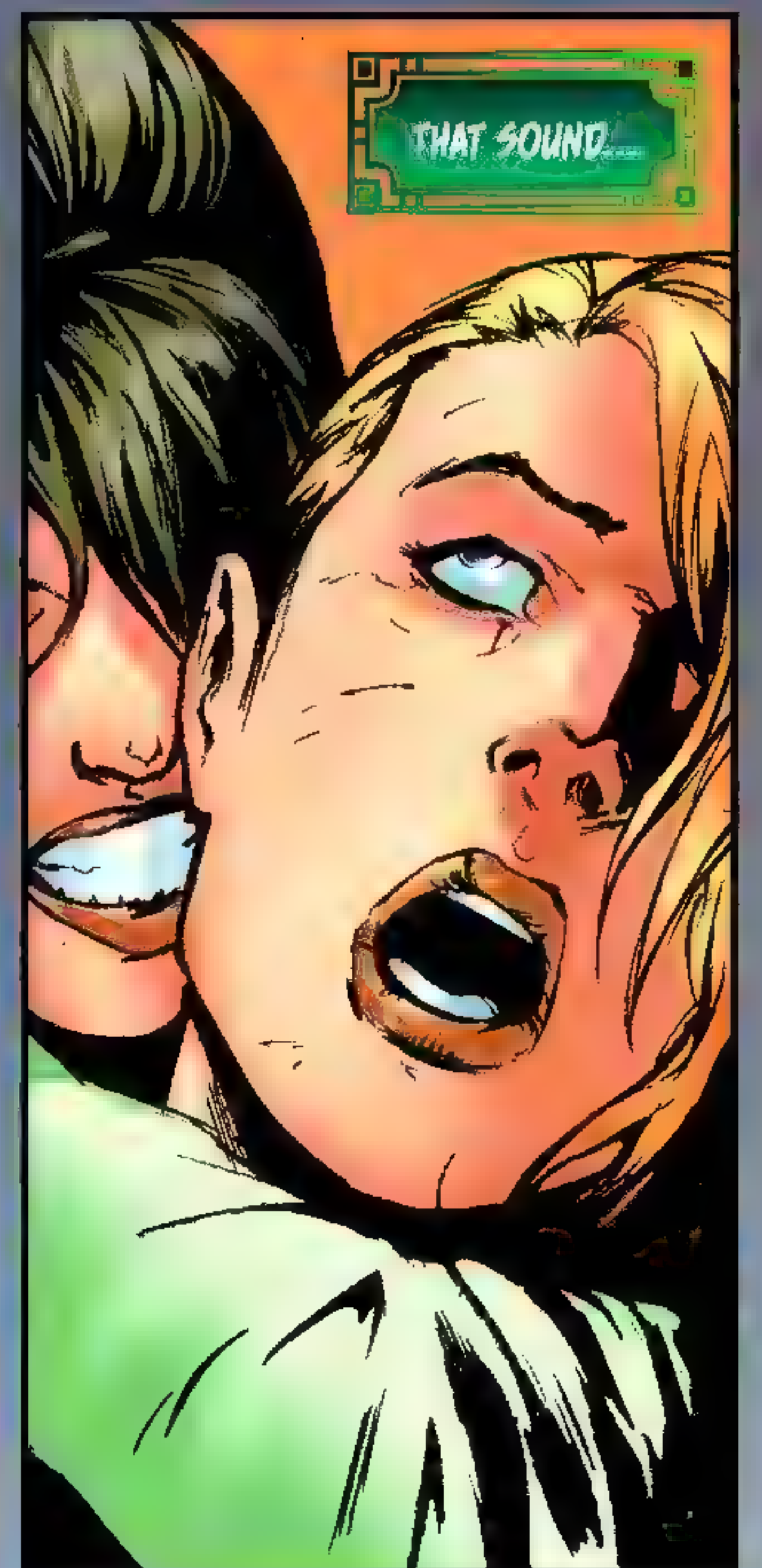
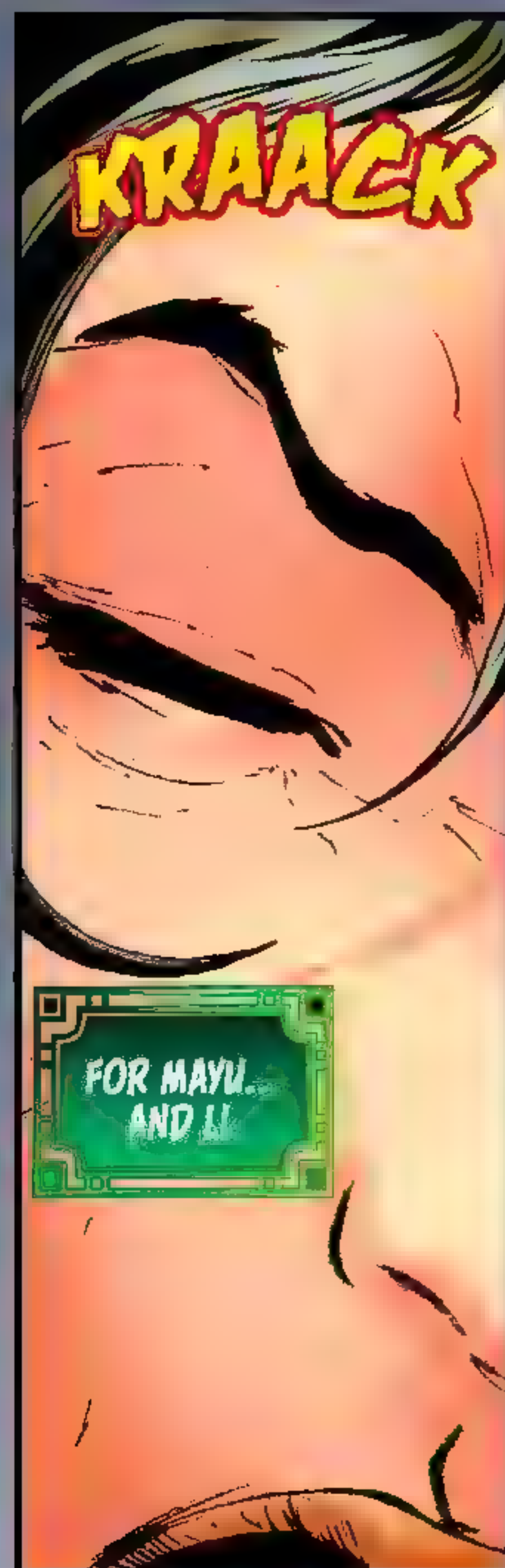
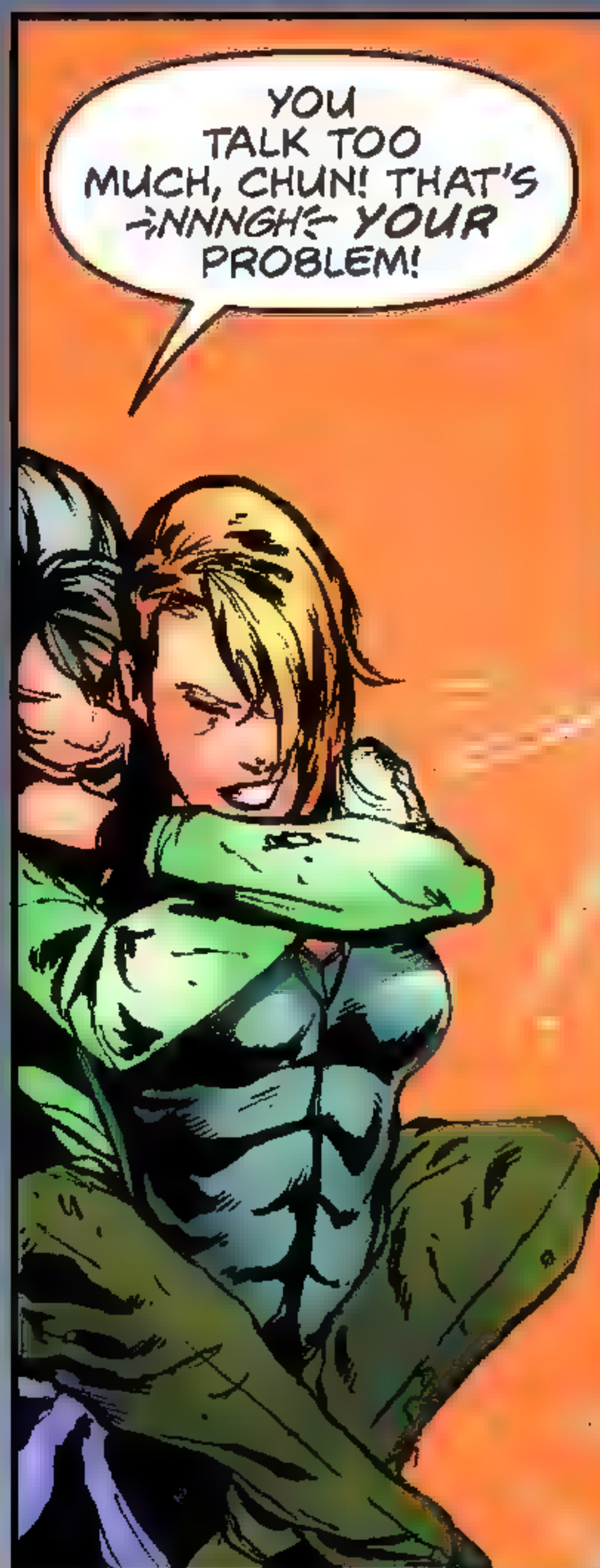
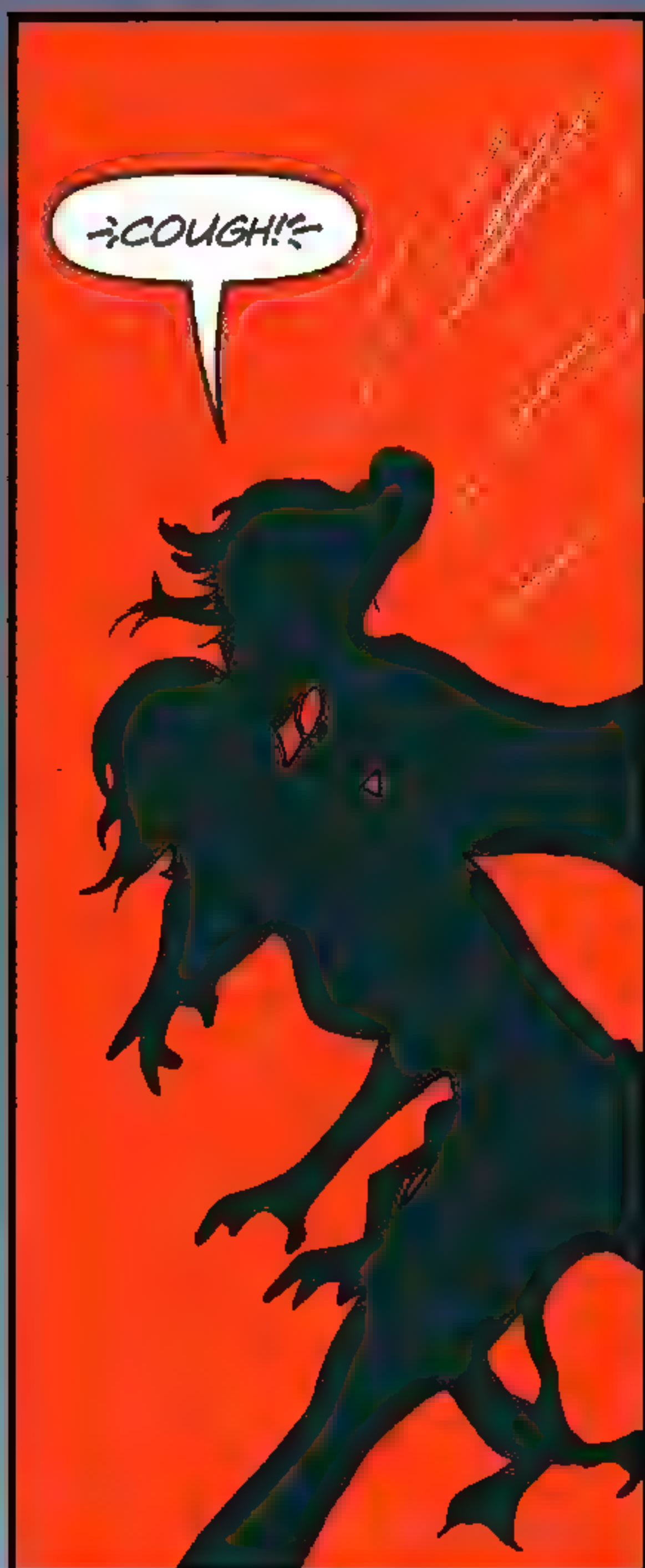


YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE YOUR DUTY, IT MAY HAVE SPARED YOUR LIFE A LITTLE LONGER...

...AND YOUR SISTER'S LIFE AS WELL.

WRONG CHOICE OF WORDS, BITCH

THUNK

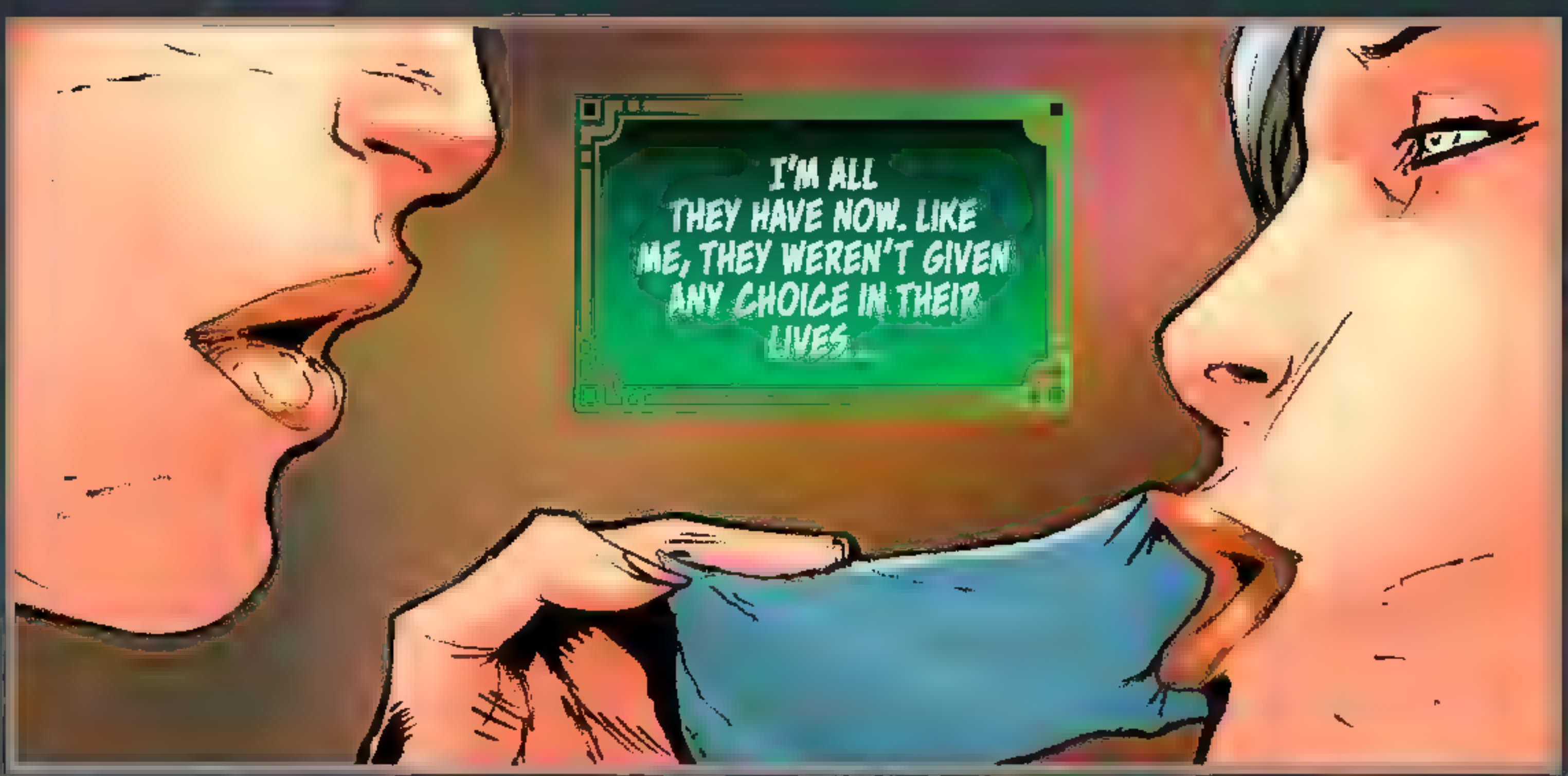




OR THE BEGINNING?



THE GIRLS PROVED TO BE A USEFUL DISTRACTION TO BUY ME TIME, BUT THEY ARE NOT READY FOR THE REAL WORLD OUT THERE.



I'M ALL THEY HAVE NOW. LIKE ME, THEY WEREN'T GIVEN ANY CHOICE IN THEIR LIVES.

MONTHS LATER.

...I WILL GIVE
THEM A CHOICE.

OUT THERE
YOU WILL NEED
DISCIPLINE. BUT, YOUR
INSTINCTS WILL GUIDE YOU.
TRUST THEM-- AND YOU
WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE
ADVANTAGE.

YOU WILL BE
LOYAL BUT NEVER
TRUSTING...





WHAT CAN NEVER BE REPLACED.
MY FATHER. LI... MAYU... ALL OF
THEM, TAKEN FROM ME.



YET, WHILE
EVERYTHING WAS
LOST...

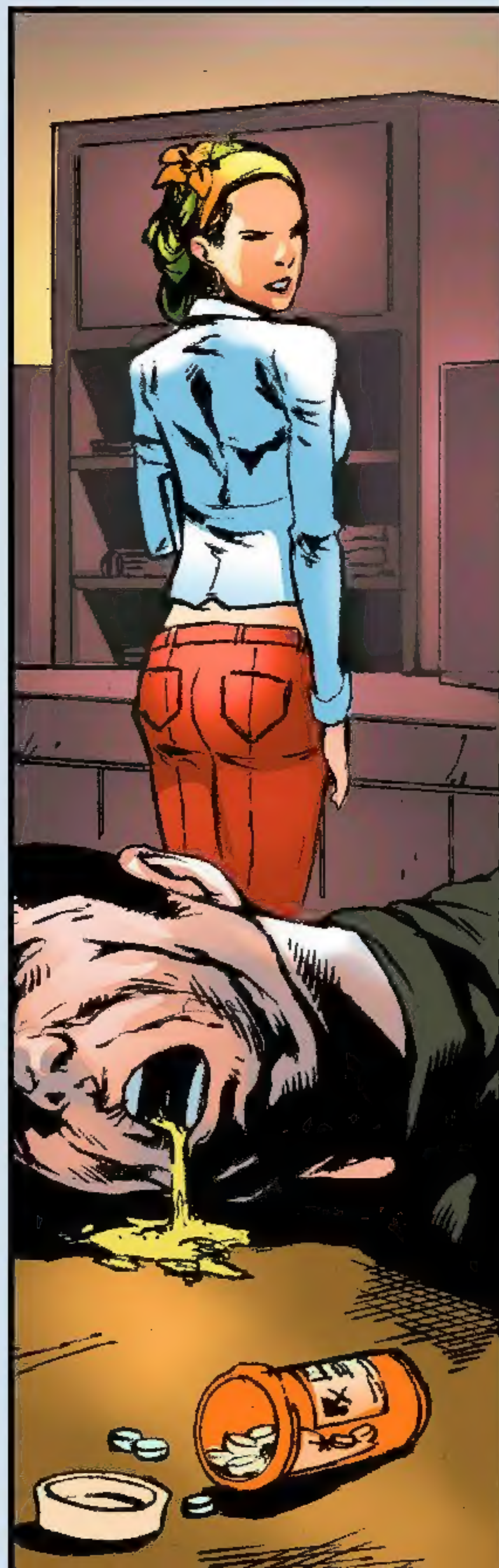
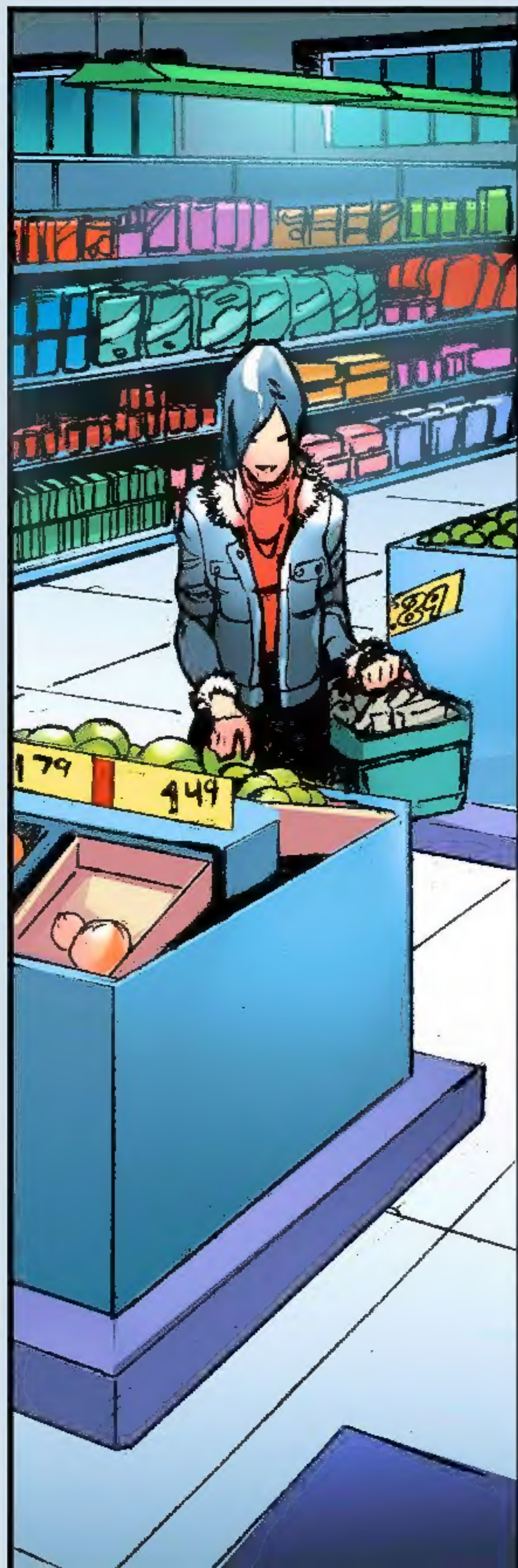
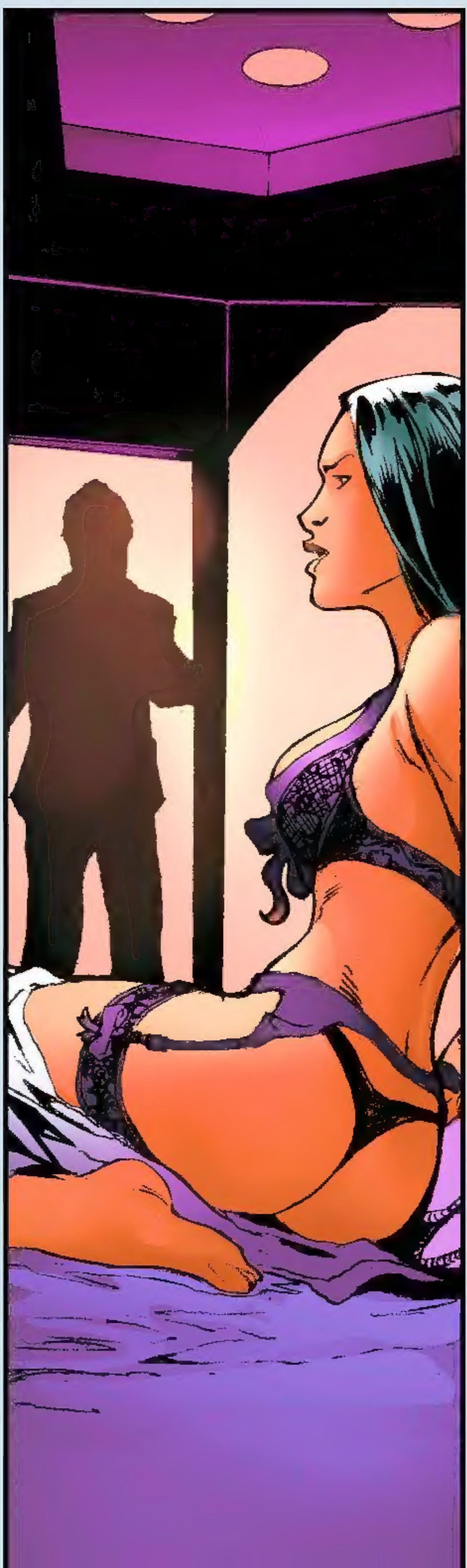
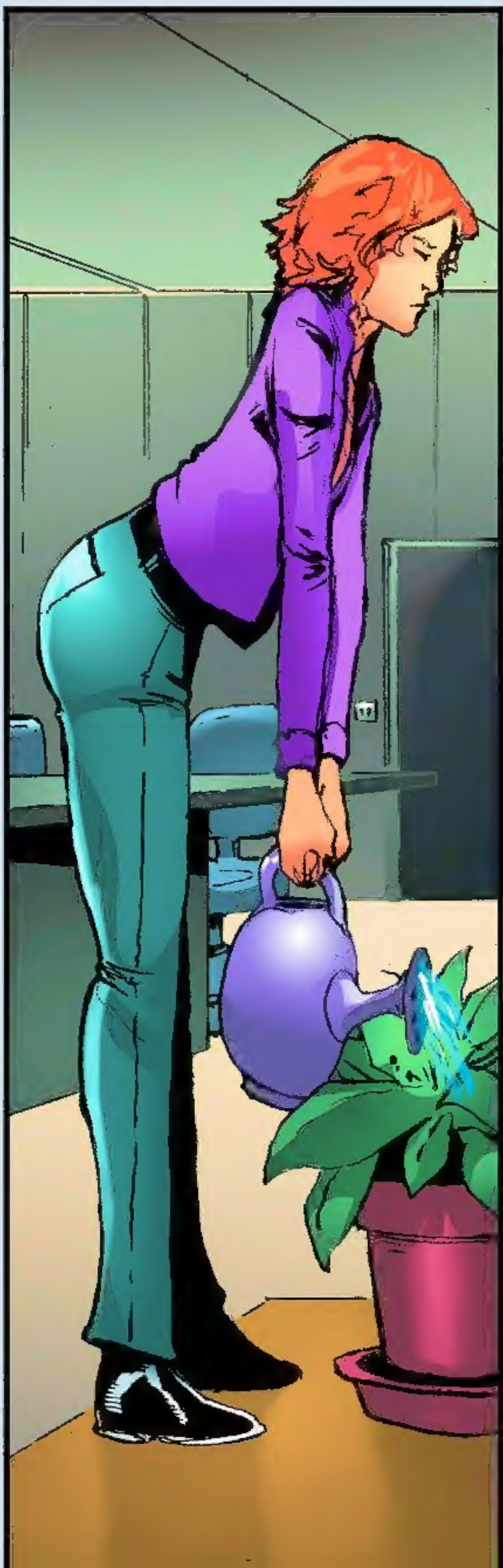
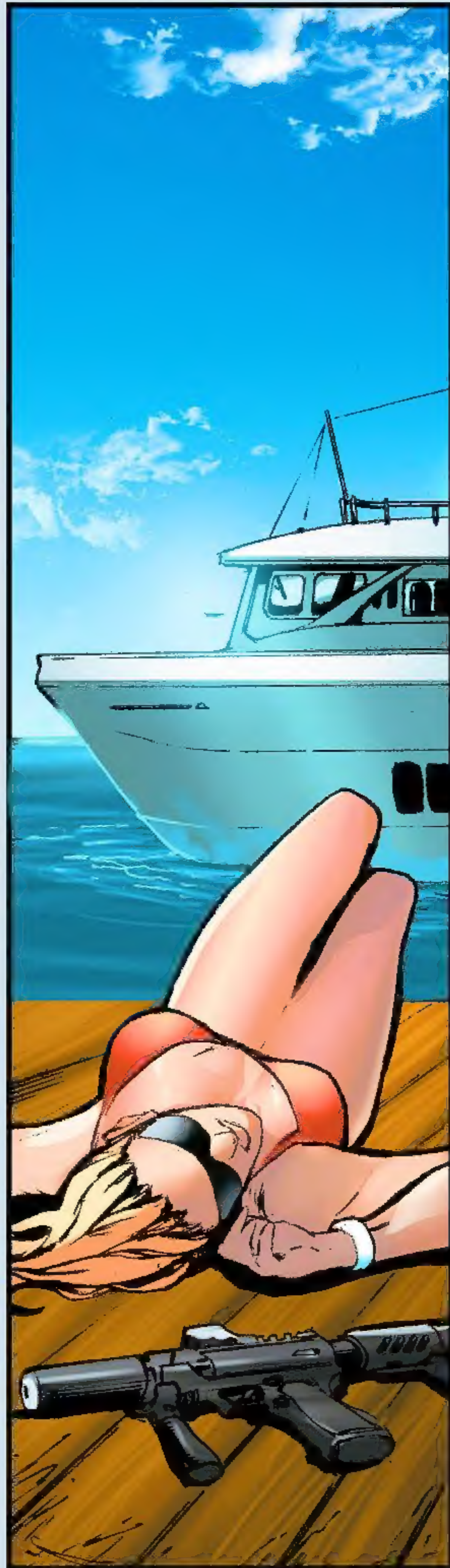
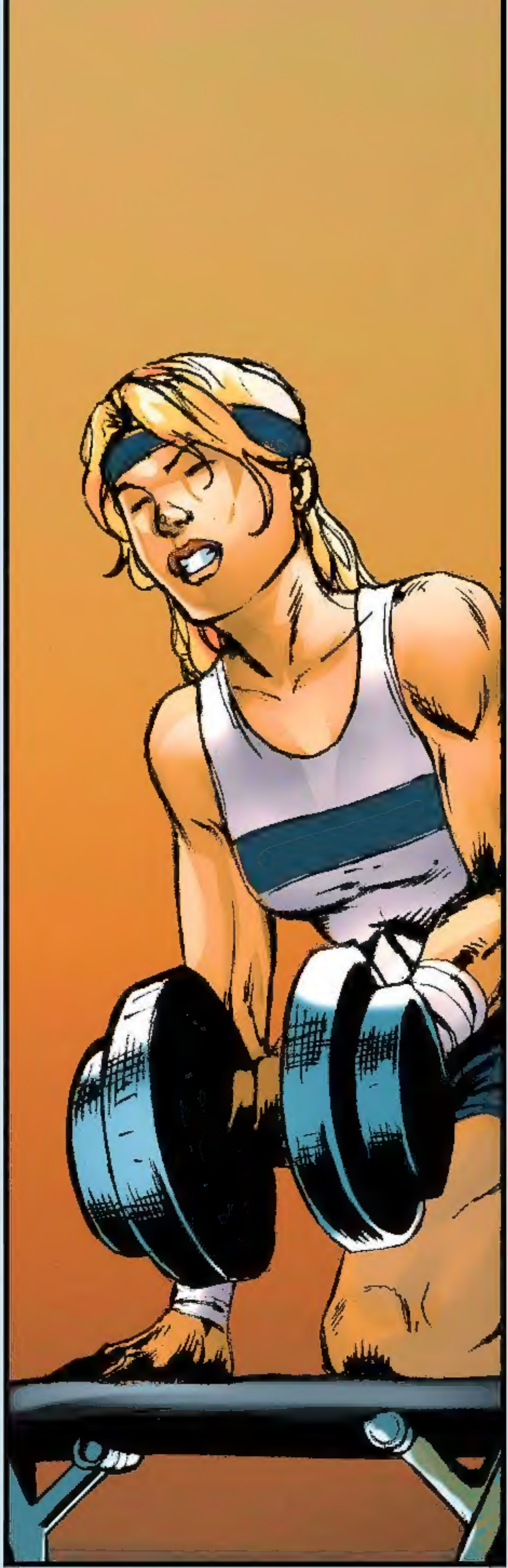


...A SEED BEGAN TO GROW. I KNOW WHAT I AM
GOOD AT FOR ONCE. I KNOW NOT ONLY HOW
TO SURVIVE BUT HOW TO THRIVE.



I MAY HAVE LOST
EVERYTHING...

...BUT I HAVE
SET IN MOTION SOMETHING
FAR GREATER.



NOW, I HAVE
PURPOSE.

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